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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: 

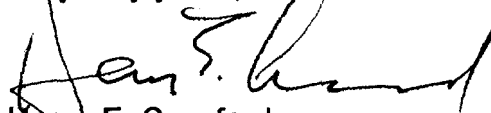
In the Matter of Amendment of Section 73.202(b) Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations Indian River Broadcasting Company Mainstique, MI MM Docket No.:
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Dear Mr. Caton:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Indian River Broadcasting Company are an original and four (4) copies of a "Petition for Rulemaking" as directed to the Allocations Branch.

Should any additional information be required, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,



Henry E. Crawford  
Counsel for  
Indian River Broadcasting  
Company

cc: The Allocations Branch

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BEFORE THE  
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Mainstique, Michigan	)	

To: The Allocations Branch  
Policy and Rules Division  
Mass Media Bureau

**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

Indian River Broadcasting Company ("Indian River Broadcasting"), by counsel, hereby petitions the Federal Communications Commission for the initiation of a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202 of the Commission's Rules, to assign FM Channel 257A to the community of Mainstique, Michigan, as follows:

City	Present	Proposed
Mainstique, Michigan	None	257A

1. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement (attached hereto as Exhibit 1), Channel 257A can be assigned to Mainstique in complete compliance with the Commission's distance separation requirements as contained in 47 CFR §73.207. The reference coordinates: 46-06-11 N 86-14-45 W will show the 70dbu (city grade contour) entirely encompassing the city of Mainstique, Michigan. Moreover, there is a wide area available for placing an appropriate transmitter.

2. Mainstique is a city located in Schoolcraft County, Michigan.

According to the 1990 Census, Mainstique has a population of 3,456 persons.

Mainstique is located on Interstate Highway 2 in Northern Michigan. At present, the community is not receiving community service from any aural service.

Therefore, the public interest will be served by the assignment of Channel 257A to Mainstique, Michigan.

3. If the Commission assigns Channel 257A to Mainstique, Michigan,

Indian River Broadcasting will apply for a construction permit and will construct a new facility upon award of that permit.

**WHEREFORE**, in accordance with the above, Indian River Broadcasting Company respectfully requests that Channel 257A be assigned to Mainstique, Michigan.

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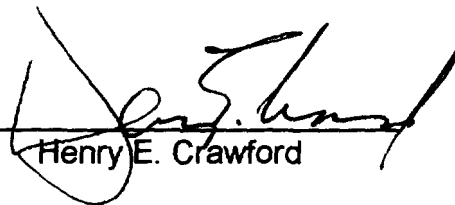
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Respectfully Submitted,

Indian River Broadcasting  
Company

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry E. Crawford", written over a horizontal line.

Henry E. Crawford  
Its Attorney

Indian River Broadcasting Company  
Petition for Rulemaking  
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**EXHIBIT 1**

# Manistique MI

## REFERENCE

46 06 11 N

86 14 45 W

CLASS = A

Current Spacings

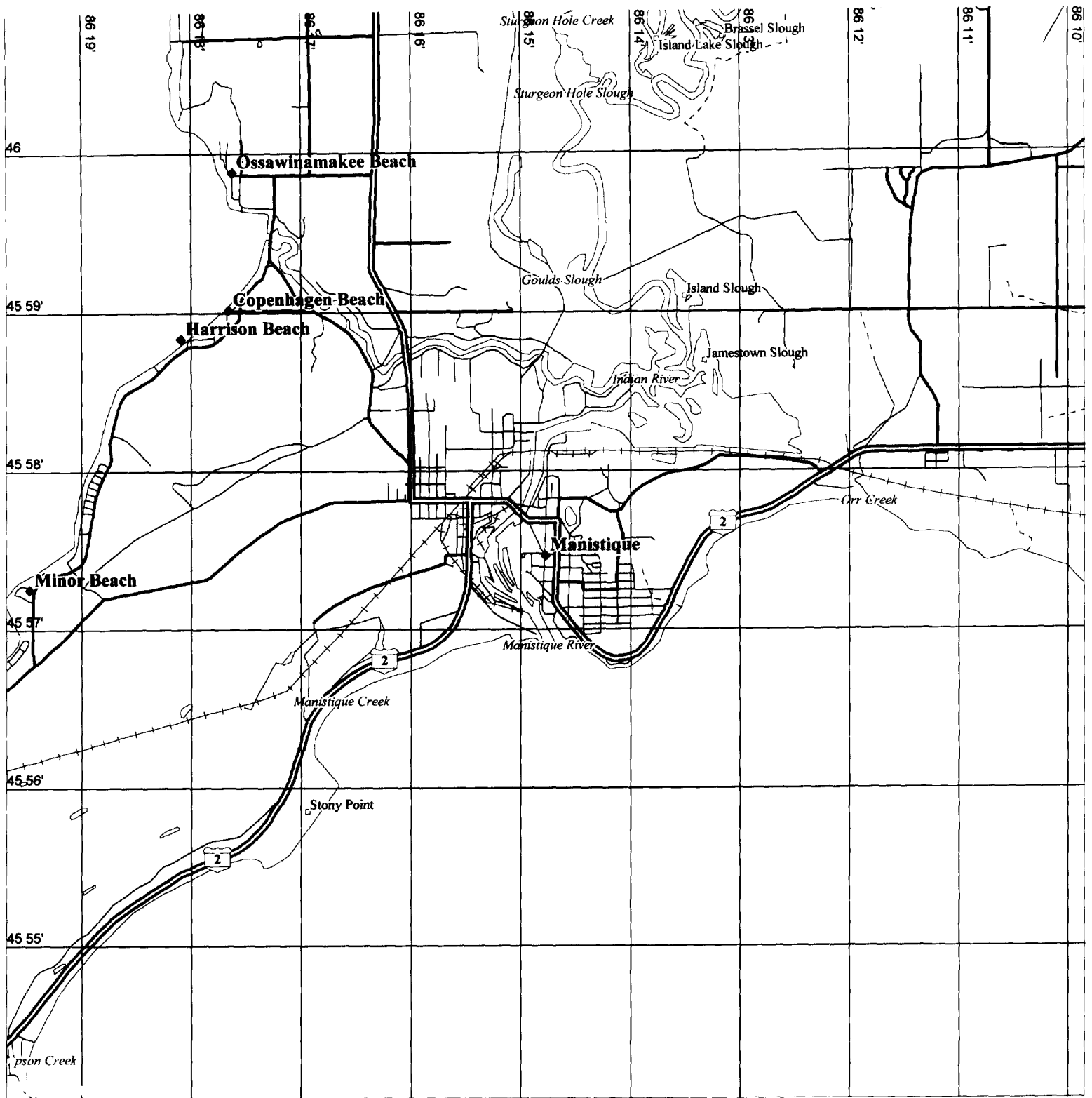
## DISPLAY DATES

DATA 11-29-96

SEARCH 12-06-96

----- Channel 257 - 99.3 MHz -----

Call	Channel	Location		Dist	Azi	FCC	Margin
WBNZ	LI 257C2	Frankfort	MI	166.00	177.7	166.0	0.00
AP258	AP 258A	Negaunee	MI	105.61	296.2	72.0	33.61
WYSS	LI 258C2	Sault Ste. Marie	MI	146.21	76.4	106.0	40.21
AP258	AP 258A	Negaunee	MI	113.21	291.8	72.0	41.21
ALOPEN	AL 258A	Negaunee	MI	113.97	293.6	72.0	41.97
WIKBFM	LI 256C1	Iron River	MI	177.37	270.8	133.0	44.37
WKLZ	LI 255C1	Petoskey	MI	122.33	124.2	75.0	47.33
WOWN	LI 257C3	Shawano	WI	221.76	228.1	142.0	79.76
WATZFM	LI 257C2	Alpena	MI	252.67	122.4	166.0	86.67



# LEGEND

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| ○ State Route       | --- Variable Trails    |
| □ Geo Feature       | ▬ State Route          |
| ◆ Town, Small City  | ▬ US Highway           |
| ▲ Park              | + + + Railroad         |
| ▭ US Highway        | — River                |
| Population Center   | --- Intermittent River |
| — Street, Road      | — Airfield             |
| ▬ Major Street/Road | ▭ Land Mass            |

Scale 1:62,500 (at center)

1 Miles

2 KM

Manistique, MI (pop.3,456)

Mag 13.00

Fri Dec 06 01:51:52 1996



<p>Scale in km</p> <p>0 10 20</p>	<p>257A 6kW 324M AMSL</p> <p>N. Lat. 46 06 11 W. Lng. 86 14 45</p>	<p>Manistique, MI</p> <p>- 12/96</p>
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Henry E. Crawford, do hereby certify that copies of the foregoing  
Petition for Rulemaking have been served by United States mail, postage  
prepaid this 13th day of December, 1996 upon the following:

\*Kathleen Scheuerle  
Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Henry E. Crawford